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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

En re Pa	atent Application of	)
Evelyne	PRAT et al	) Group Art Unit: 1754
Applica	tion No.: 08/765,901	) Examiner: S. Hendrickson
Filed:	January 7, 1997	)
	CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION PRECIPITATION SILICA, METHODS OF PREPARATION AND UTILISATION OF SAID SUSPENSION	) ) ) ) ) ) tc1
	AMENDMENT/REPLY T	RANSMITTAL LETTER 70 2
	t Commissioner for Patents tton, D.C. 20231	TC 1700 WAIL ROOM TC 1700 WAIL ROOM
Sir:		
Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified pat	ent application.
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also	enclosed.
[ ]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ requisite Government fee are also enclose	] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the ed.
[X]	Also enclosed is <u>a Declaration under 37</u> The Colloid Chemistry of Silica.	C.F.R. §1.132 and Figure 9, page 19 from
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.	
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination [ ] \$355.00 (279) [ ] \$710.00 (179) fee due	on under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
	[ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	, on, for which continued examination is
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action exceed three months from the filing of thi § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.	by the Office until at least _, which does not s RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of (146/246) is also enclosed.	Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	25	MINUS 25 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	3	MINUS =	0	× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds mu	tiple depende	ent claims, add \$270	0.00 (104)	1 + \$50.00 (102) =	
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[ ] Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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